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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5220

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"AN ACT AUTHORIZING THIRD-PARTY FINGERPRINTING SERVICES."

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- 1 In line 53, strike "may" and insert in lieu thereof "shall"
- 2 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
- 3 internal references accordingly:
- 4 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2019*) (a) The Police Officer
- 5 Standards and Training Council, established under section 7-294b of
- 6 the general statutes, and the Commissioner of Emergency Services and
- 7 Public Protection or the commissioner's designee, shall, within
- 8 available appropriations, jointly develop, adopt and revise, as
- 9 necessary, minimum standards and practices for the administration
- 10 and management of law enforcement units, as defined in section 7-
- 11 294a of the general statutes. Such minimum standards and practices
- 12 shall be based upon standards established by the International
- 13 Association of Chiefs of Police and the Commission on Accreditation

14 for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., and shall include, but need not be
15 limited to, standards and practices regarding bias-based policing, use
16 of force, response to crimes of family violence, use of body-worn
17 recording equipment, complaints that allege misconduct by police
18 officers, use of electronic defense weapons, eyewitness identification
19 procedures, notifications in death and related events and pursuits by
20 police officers. The council shall post such minimum standards and
21 practices on the council's Internet web site and disseminate such
22 standards and practices to law enforcement units. The council and
23 commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall jointly develop a
24 process to review a law enforcement unit's compliance with such
25 minimum standards and practices and issue a certificate of compliance
26 with law enforcement standards and practices to a law enforcement
27 unit that meets or exceeds such standards and practices.

28 (b) On and after January 1, 2019, each law enforcement unit shall
29 adopt and maintain (1) the minimum standards and practices
30 developed by the council pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, or
31 (2) a higher level of accreditation standards developed by the council
32 or the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies,
33 Inc.

34 (c) No civil action may be brought against a law enforcement unit
35 for damages arising from the failure of the law enforcement unit to
36 adopt and maintain such minimum standards and practices or a higher
37 level of accreditation standards.

38 Sec. 502. Section 14-283a of the general statutes is repealed and the
39 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

40 (a) As used in this section, "police officer" [means a sworn member
41 of an organized local police department or a state police officer, which
42 member or officer is assigned to patrol duties on public streets or
43 highways] has the same meaning as provided in section 7-294a, and
44 "pursuit" means an attempt by a police officer in an authorized
45 emergency vehicle to apprehend any occupant of another moving

46 motor vehicle, when the driver of the fleeing vehicle is attempting to
47 avoid apprehension by maintaining or increasing the speed of such
48 vehicle or by ignoring the police officer's attempt to stop such vehicle.

49 (b) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection,
50 in conjunction with the Chief State's Attorney, the Police Officer
51 Standards and Training Council, the Connecticut Police Chiefs
52 Association and the Connecticut Coalition of Police and Correctional
53 Officers, shall adopt, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, a
54 uniform, state-wide policy for handling pursuits by police officers.
55 Such policy shall specify: (1) The conditions under which a police
56 officer may engage in a pursuit and discontinue a pursuit, (2)
57 alternative measures to be employed by any such police officer in
58 order to apprehend any occupant of the fleeing motor vehicle or to
59 impede the movement of such motor vehicle, (3) the coordination and
60 responsibility, including control over the pursuit, of supervisory
61 personnel and the police officer engaged in such pursuit, (4) in the case
62 of a pursuit that may proceed and continue into another municipality,
63 (A) the requirement to notify and the procedures to be used to notify
64 the police department in such other municipality or, if there is no
65 organized police department in such other municipality, the officers
66 responsible for law enforcement in such other municipality, that there
67 is a pursuit in progress, and (B) the coordination and responsibility of
68 supervisory personnel in each such municipality and the police officer
69 engaged in such pursuit, (5) the type and amount of training in
70 pursuits, that each police officer shall undergo, which may include
71 training in vehicle simulators, if vehicle simulator training is
72 determined to be necessary, and (6) that a police officer immediately
73 notify supervisory personnel or the officer in charge after the police
74 officer begins a pursuit. The chief of police or Commissioner of
75 Emergency Services and Public Protection, as the case may be, shall
76 inform each officer within such chief's or said commissioner's
77 department and each officer responsible for law enforcement in a
78 municipality in which there is no such department of the existence of
79 the policy of pursuit to be employed by any such officer and shall take

80 whatever measures that are necessary to assure that each such officer
81 understands the pursuit policy established.

82 (c) (1) Not later than December 1, 2018, the Police Officer Standards
83 and Training Council, established under section 7-294b, shall develop
84 and promulgate a standardized form for (A) reporting pursuits by
85 police officers pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection, and (B)
86 submitting annual reports pursuant to subdivision (3) of this
87 subsection.

88 (2) On and after January 1, 2019, the chief of police or the
89 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, as the
90 case may be, shall require each police officer who engages in a pursuit
91 to report such pursuit on the standardized form developed and
92 promulgated under subdivision (1) of this subsection.

93 (3) Not later than January 31, 2020, and annually thereafter, each
94 chief of police and the Commissioner of Emergency Services and
95 Public Protection shall submit an annual report to the Police Officer
96 Standards and Training Council regarding pursuits by police officers
97 on the standardized form developed and promulgated under
98 subdivision (1) of this subsection.

99 (4) Not later than April 30, 2020, and annually thereafter, the Police
100 Officer Standards and Training Council shall compile, analyze and
101 summarize the annual reports and submit, in accordance with section
102 11-4a, a consolidated report regarding police pursuits and any
103 recommendations for legislation to the joint standing committee of the
104 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
105 safety and security. The council may partner with an institution of
106 higher education in this state or a professional police organization to
107 prepare or to assist in the preparation of the consolidated report."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	January 1, 2019	New section

Sec. 502	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	14-283a
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